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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for the Aerosolized Coastal Water Impacts Pilot Study project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of California San Diego (Scripps), located at several different sites around the San Diego coastal region from La Jolla to Imperial Beach near the Tijuana River Estuary.

The funding would be used to advance our understanding of the ocean and atmospheric conditions leading to the most efficient ocean to atmosphere transfer of bacteria, viruses, pollutants, and toxins in what has traditionally been considered as waterborne coastal pollution. Recent research has shown a strong connection between the levels of various species of public health concern (i.e. pathogens, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, toxins, illicit drugs, viruses, microplastics, bacteria) in the river, ocean, and atmosphere. These previous studies will be leveraged to inform and further develop the proposed study.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Peters

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